

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A state machine input/output circuit responsive to a clock signal having cyclically repeating rising edges and falling edges, for providing data to an output port, comprising:

a memory having a plurality of storage elements, each storage element having an input and an output, said input being programmably connectable to either a state machine, microprocessor, or other programmably controllable data source for selection of data for storage therein;

a first multiplexer having an output, having a plurality of inputs receiving the outputs of said memory, and having a control input for selecting, in response to a control signal, an input for connection to said output;

a control signal generator for generating a control signal to control said first multiplexer to select said first multiplexer inputs for connection to said first multiplexer output; and a clock edge selector circuit for providing, in response to an edge select signal, the output of said first multiplexer to said output port

selectably on either said rising edges or said falling edges of said clock signal.

- 2.0 The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 1,
5 wherein said clock edge selector circuit further comprises:

the input of first and second flip-flops coupled to the output of said multiplexer, said first flip-flop changing states on said rising edge of
10 clock pulse and said second flip-flop changing states on said falling edge of clock pulse; output of said first and second flip-flops coupled to first and second inputs of a second multiplexer;
15 the control input of said second multiplexer coupled to the output of an edge select register; and the output of said second multiplexer coupled to said output port.

- 20 3. The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 1, further comprising a plurality of said input/output circuits, for providing data to a plurality of output ports, wherein said output ports are connected on an
25 output data bus.

4. The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 1,
which is programmable without any prior knowledge of
the application device being controlled.

5 5. A state machine input/output circuit responsive to a
clock signal having cyclically repeating rising edges
and falling edges, for passing data from an input
port to a sampled output port, comprising:

10 a clock edge selector circuit having an input
coupled to said input port and having an output,
for selecting, in response to an edge select
signal, data on said input port for provision to
said selector circuit output selectably on
either said rising edges or said falling edges
15 of said clock signal;

a first multiplexer having an output coupled to
a first flip/flop, said multiplexer having two
inputs, a first one of said inputs receiving
said selector circuit output, and a second one
20 of said inputs coupled to the output of said
first flip/flop and to the sampled output port,
and having a control input for selecting, in
response to a control signal, said first input
or said second input for connection to said
25 first multiplexer output;

a control signal generator for generating a control signal to control a second multiplexer to select said second multiplexer inputs for connection to said second multiplexer output;
5 a memory having a plurality of storage elements, each storage element having an input and an output, said input being programmably connectable to either a state machine, microprocessor, or other programmably
10 controllable data source for selection of data for storage therein, said memory outputs being connected to the inputs of said second multiplexer, wherein the output of said second multiplexer selects said first input or said
15 second input of said first multiplexer for connection to said first multiplexer output.

6. The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 5, wherein said clock edge selector circuit further
20 comprises:

an input to said clock edge selector circuit coupled to the input of a second and a third flip-flop being clocked at said state machine clock rate, said second flip-flop changing
25 states on said rising edge of clock and said

third flip-flop changing states on said falling
edge of clock;

the output of said second and third flip-flops
coupled to first and second inputs of a third
multiplexer;

the control input of said third multiplexer
coupled to the output of a edge select register;
and

the output of said third multiplexer coupled to
said output of said clock edge selector circuit.

7. The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 5,
further comprising a plurality of said input/output
circuits, for passing data from an input port to a
sampled output port, wherein said inputs are
connected on an input data bus and said sampled
outputs are connected on an output bus.
8. The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 5,
which is programmable without any prior knowledge of
the application device being passed to.
9. A state machine input/output circuit responsive to a
clock signal having cyclically repeating rising edges
and falling edges, for passing output data to an
output port, comprising:

a memory having a plurality of storage elements,
each storage element having an input and an
output, said input being programmably
connectable to either a state machine,
5 microprocessor, or other programmably
controllable data source for selection of data
for storage therein;
a first multiplexer having an output, having a
plurality of inputs receiving the outputs of
10 said memory, and having a control input for
selecting, in response to a control signal, an
input for connection to said output;
a control signal generator for generating a
control signal to control said first multiplexer
15 to select cyclically said multiplexer inputs for
connection to said multiplexer output;
a second multiplexer having a first input and a
second input, having an output, and having a
control input for selecting, in response to a
20 control signal, an input for connection to said
second multiplexer output, said first input
being coupled to a predetermined output data
source, said output being coupled to the control
input of a first flip-flop being clocked at said
25 state machine clock rate, said second input

being coupled to the output of said first flip-flop and to the input of a clock edge selector circuit, and said control input being connected to said output of said first multiplexer;
5 said clock edge selector circuit for providing, in response to an edge select signal, the output of said second multiplexer to said output port selectably on either said rising edges or said falling edges of said clock signal.

- 10 10. The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 9, wherein said clock edge selector circuit further comprises:

15 the input of second and third flip-flops coupled to the output of said second multiplexer, said second flip-flop changing states on said rising edge of clock pulse and said third flip-flop changing states on said falling edge of clock pulse;

20 output of said second and third flip-flops coupled to first and second inputs of a third multiplexer;

the control input of said third multiplexer coupled to the output of a edge select register;
25 and

the output of said third multiplexer coupled to
said output port.

11. The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 9,
5 further comprising a plurality of said input/output
circuits, for passing output data to an output port,
wherein said output data is connected on an input bus
and said output port data is connected on an output
bus.

10 12. The state machine input/output circuit of Claim 9,
which is programmable without any prior knowledge of
the application device being passed to.